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Instructions to the Citizens of Iraq

Coalition Provisional Authority Directive

To ensure the safety, security, and public order of the people of Iraq and Coalition Forces,

1. All persons in Iraq are directed to:
 - a. Lay down arms, cease resistance, and obey all orders of the Coalition Forces;
 - b. Not make threats against the Coalition Forces;
 - c. Not carry out acts of reprisal or violence against other Iraqi people, the Coalition Forces, or neighboring peoples. This includes theft and looting of public and private property;
 - d. Not carry or possess weapons or ammunition in public, and not possess explosives. Do not fire weapons in celebration – may be mistaken for hostile fire.
2. Iraqi government employees (civilian and military) should provide any requested assistance to Coalition Forces and the Coalition Provisional Authority at all levels and without hesitation. They are instructed to prepare for surrender to Coalition Forces all equipment including weapons, equipment, codes and other information, including but not limited to maps of minefields and locations of areas used for weapons research, testing, or storage, as well as any other dangerous or sensitive sites.
3. Additionally, I call upon all persons in Iraq to:
 - a. Report all suspected terrorist and criminal activity to the Coalition Provisional Authority or Coalition Forces;
 - b. Cease all work immediately on any programs for the acquisition of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, missiles, and other advanced military technologies; report in a full and factual manner information on such programs; and preserve all records;
 - c. Report in a full and factual manner information pertaining to prisoners and missing persons from the conflicts with Iran and Kuwait; and preserve all records;
 - d. Report in a full and factual manner information pertaining to property and documents seized by Iraqi nationals during the conflicts with Iran and Kuwait, whether the seizures were made pursuant to military commands or orders, or for personal gain; and preserve all records;

e. Report in a full and factual manner information pertaining to all military and civilian regime leaders, their subordinates, and anyone who may have committed crimes and atrocities against the people of Iraq, Iran, or Kuwait; or against the economic patrimony of Iraq, such as energy facilities; and preserve all records;

f. Safeguard public property and protect it from damage or destruction. This includes all public infrastructure, energy facilities, and official records of any kind in any form (paper, electronic, magnetic tape, compact disc, or any other form of storage). Report any suspected destruction or the threat of destruction to Coalition Forces immediately.

4. The following temporary conditions concerning public order and safety are in effect:

a. A curfew may be declared by the local Coalition Force commander. The following persons are exempted: police, law enforcement, fire, ambulance, hospital, and other public safety and health agency personnel while performing official duties during curfew hours or transiting to or from their places of work; persons requiring emergency medical care; and officials and employees of public services, utilities, and other authorized essential work;

b. Unless otherwise suspended by direction of the Coalition Provisional Authority, all local government services should continue to function: All government employees should report to their places of work and perform their normal duties as usual, unless otherwise directed;

c. Private shops, markets, and other businesses may operate during non-curfew hours at the discretion of their proprietors;

d. All mosques and other places of worship may remain open;

e. After the Coalition Provisional Authority determines it is safe, all schools may reopen and remain open during non-curfew hours. When that happens, teachers and students should report to school;

f. Unless otherwise suspended by direction of the Coalition Provisional Authority, police and law enforcement agencies, courts, fire departments, ambulance services, banks, postal services, media and other public safety and health agencies should continue to function under the oversight, direction, and orders of the Coalition Provisional Authority and will operate during curfew and non-curfew hours;

g. Hospitals should operate 24 hours/day, during curfew and non-curfew hours;

h. Persons incarcerated in prisons and other government facilities shall be treated humanely, and all corporal/capital punishment is suspended. All confined persons shall remain incarcerated pending additional orders of the Coalition Provisional Authority;

i. Current rationing cards for food, medicine, and clothing shall continue in use.

5. Full members of the Arab Socialist Renaissance Party of Iraq (Hizb al-Ba'th al-Arabi al-Ishtiraki al-Iraqi) and Officers of the Iraqi security forces are called upon to identify themselves at once to Coalition Forces Authorities, and await instructions from them.

6. Any person violating any of the mandatory provisions (paragraphs 1, 4a, and 4h) of this directive shall, upon conviction by a Coalition Provisional Authority Court, be liable to lawful punishment as such court may determine.

7. This directive shall become effective on the date of its promulgation.

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Commander of Coalition Forces